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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF PREFERENTIAL RATES FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
ENERGY THAT IS USED OR CONSUMED FOR AGRICULTURAL  
ACTIVITIES.

1 WHEREAS, expanding the agricultural sector in Hawaii is  
2 essential to gaining self-sufficiency and food sustainability in  
3 the State; and  
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5 WHEREAS, purchasing energy is a major cost component for  
6 those seeking to enter or sustain a business in the agricultural  
7 industry and rising energy costs have adversely impacted  
8 business viability and feasibility; and  
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10 WHEREAS, preferential rates for the purchase of energy for  
11 agricultural activities will support the long-term viability and  
12 growth of agriculture in the State; now, therefore,  
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
15 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
16 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Public  
17 Utilities Commission is urged to consider the establishment of  
18 preferential rates for the purchase of energy used or consumed  
19 for agricultural activities, including eligible agricultural  
20 activities of the Department of Agriculture; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any mechanism to provide  
23 preferential rates be by decision and order on an application  
24 for preferential rates filed by a public utility that includes,  
25 among other things:  
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- 27 (1) A bona fide request from the ratepayer to the public  
28 utility for preferential rates; and



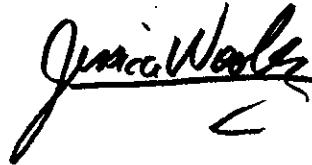
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(2) Proof from the ratepayer to the public utility that the energy will be used or consumed for agricultural activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, may establish additional criteria for energy used for agricultural activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission and Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

OFFERED BY:



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